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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: SUEZ CANAL TUNNELS

REF: STATE 217964

1. GOE'S DESIRE TO CONSTRUCT FIVE TUNNELS UNDER THE SUEZ CANAL HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY MENTIONED IN THE PRESS AND REPORTED TO THE DEPT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY WORK WHICH THUS FAR HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN IS RELATED TO PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL STUDIES FOR THE FIRST THREE TUNNELS AT EL KANARA, DEVERSOIR, AND SUEZ. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT, ALTHOUGH THE TUNNELS ARE MENTIONED IN THE PAMPHLET COVERING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL AREA, FORWARDED AS ENCLOSURE TO CAIRO'S A-81 OF JULY 26, 1974, THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST BREAKDOWN ON PAGE 14.

2. NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY GOE ON THE SUBJECT REPORT MENTIONED REFTEL. LOCAL PRESS SAID THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT (FOR THREE TUNNELS) WOULD BE LE 120 MILLION, OF WHICH LE 40 MILLION WOULD BE PROVIDED FROM THE BUDGET OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION IN 1975. US COMPANIES SHOULD INDICATE THEIR INTEREST DIRECTLY TO MINISTER OSMAN AHMED OSMAN, WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH PROJECT.

3. WE KNOW ONE AMERICAN FIRM (GROVE INTERNATIONAL) HAS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OSMAN'S OFFICE ON THIS SUBJECT.
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